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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR USE IN CARTILAGE AFFECTING CONDITIONS

the specif	ication of	which (check one)		
	, <u> </u>	is attached hereto.		
	\boxtimes	was filed on February 9, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/774,781.		
•		t I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified ling the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.		

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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